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Bruce James issued the following statement in reaction to the cancellation of today's House Legislative Branch Subcommittee hearing by Chairman Kingston:

"Last year, the Government Printing Office began transforming into a 21st century digital information processing facility. The GPO successfully carried out a broad reorganization, reduced employment by ten percent through a voluntary retirement incentive program and closed its failing retail bookstores. These and other cost-saving efforts are restoring the GPO to a positive financial footing. Today, GPO is a more efficient agency because of it. Continued transformation of the GPO will require investments in new technology for collecting, processing and distributing Government information. This will establish GPO's leadership in using the best leading-edge digital technology in support of Congress, Federal agencies and the public. However, we are taking Chairman Kingston's advice seriously and are in the process of reviewing our budget request."

Bruce James
Public Printer of the United States

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